

CLAYTON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

2015 Annual Report

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Director

Tucker Anderson, (Interim November 2014-April 2015)
Jenna K. Pollock, (April 2015-present)

Board Members

Joe Ihm, Guttenberg, - CHAIR (9 y.o.s.)
Liz Jaster, Garber - VICE CHAIR/CHAIR 2016
Deanna Krambeer, St. Olaf - SECRETARY (14 y.o.s.)
Larry Stone, Elkader - SECRETARY 2016
Gary Kregel, Guttenberg - VICE CHAIR 2016
Daryl Landsgard, St. Olaf
Marilyn Lenth, Postville

Mission: to promote the health and general welfare of the people; and to encourage preservation, conservation, education and recreation through responsible use and appreciation of our natural resources and cultural heritage.

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Executive Summary

2015 brought many new faces and additional scenery to Clayton County Conservation. Jenna Pollock began her duties as Executive Director for the Clayton County Conservation Board (CCCB) midway through April. Tucker Anderson, who had been serving as Interim Director since Tim Engelhardt had resigned as Director in November of 2014, returned to his Park Ranger/Special Projects position in April. Naturalist I, Brian Gibbs, resigned from his position in May. Kenny Slocum, Naturalist I, joined the staff in June. The Conservation Board was fortunate to offer and hire seasonal maintenance intern Amber Burlage to the permanent part-time position of Maintenance Technician.

Clayton County Conservation also welcomed new faces to the Board. Gary Kregel took the Oath of Office at the January Meeting. Nine year veteran, Joe Ihm, retired from the Board as Chair at the September Board meeting. The County Board of Supervisors appointed Daryl Landsgard to the Conservation Board for his first meeting in October. Fourteen year veteran, Deanna Krambeer, retired from the Board as Secretary following the November board meeting. The County Board of Supervisors appointed Marilyn Lenth to the Conservation Board for her first meeting in December. .

"It is of utmost importance to preserve the land."

The Clayton County Conservation Board acquired land through a REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) land acquisition grant near North Buena Vista. The Pleasant Ridge Wildlife Area is an 88 acre public area located between Pleasant Ridge Ave and county road C9Y. There is a lifetime Conservation Easement established for the property. It is open for public hunting. It has a small orchard planting and unique cultural significance for the area. The District Forester, Dave Asche, walked the property on December 1, 2015 and made recommendations to the Board for forestry management. The Pleasant Ridge Wildlife area was signed as a county park and public use area in November 2015. A sign establishing the name will go up in spring of 2016.

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The Construction of the Chicken Ridge viewing platform was completed in the summer of 2015. Installation of the interpretive panels was completed in December 2015. Signs signifying the River and Bluffs Scenic Byway Overlook location will go up in Spring 2016. The site received some publicity in local newsprint in December, but further publicity of the site will take place in the spring .

Motor Mill Historic Site received designation as an Interpretive Center for the Great River Road National Scenic Byway. "Great River Road Interpretive Centers are selected as some of the best examples of stories along the Mississippi River," said Ruth Hawkins, co-chair of the Parkway Commission's Culture and Heritage Committee. "As such, they are marketed and promoted through printed materials, websites, social media, and signage as essential stops for visitors who wish to experience the diversity and the natural and cultural heritage of the river." We look forward to the Mill's success in 2016 bolstered by this designation.

There are a number of projects in store for the year ahead. The Clayton County Conservation Board, Staff, Volunteers, Osborne Partners for Environmental Education Donors, and the Motor Mill Foundation (MMF) sustain the successes made from years past and perpetually into the future.

Sincerely,

Jenna K. Pollock

Staffing

STAFF MEMBERS-Permanent Full-Time

JENNA POLLOCK – Director

MARTY MULFORD – Operations Supervisor

HARRY LUSTER – Office/Welcome Center Manager

TUCKER ANDERSON- Park Ranger/Special Projects

BRIAN GIBBS- Naturalist I (Resigned May)

KENNY SLOCUM- Naturalist I (Hired June)

ABBEY HARKRADER- Naturalist II

STAFF MEMBERS – Permanent Part-Time

AMBER BURLAGE – Maintenance Tech.

JOYCE SCHOULTE– Secretary/Receptionist

TAMMIE KRAUS- Administrative Assistant

PAUL & CATHY MARCOTTE – Exhibit Security

SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

SUMMER MAINTENANCE – 4 Individuals

SUMMER NATURALISTS – 2 Individuals

MOTOR MILL INTERN– 1 Individual

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers help the Clayton County Conservation Board and Staff accomplish many achievements. (Statistics shared on page 7 of this report.)

*“Our activities
should focus on
nature.”*

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Visitor Numbers

It is difficult to obtain the exact number of visitors to Osborne Park because of the layout of the park. Numbers are obtained through signatures of visitors who sign the Iowa Visitor Registration Book in the Iowa Welcome Center. The purpose and main focus of the numbers is to show trends from year to year.

Welcome Center totals for 2015

2,009 Groups of People (up 5.63% from last year)

7, 369 individuals (up 4.75% from last year)

3.67 average size of each individual party size

Iowa Visitor Registration for 2015

2015: 7,369 Representing 71 Iowa Counties, 32 States, & 13 Countries

2014: 7,035

2013: 7,008

2012: 7,020

2011: 8,063

2010: 8,452

(See Pages 23-25 for Maps)

*“A high priority
must be placed on
conservation
education.”*

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Motor Mill Visitor Registration for 2015

2015: 1439

2014: 1246

2013: 1492

2012: 575

2011: 683

2010: 788

Website Unique Visitor Numbers

	CCCB	MMF
2015	63,007	8,843
2014	44,214	3,400
2013	42,845	5,011
2012	30,428	No Data
2011	25,914	1,734
2010	28,816	1,449

Camping Numbers

		<u># of Users</u>	<u># of Nights</u>	<u>Fees</u>
<u>Bloody Run Park</u>				
	2009	1220.5	800	\$ 5,814.25
	2010	1333	933	\$ 6,620.85
	2011	1129	860	\$ 6,218.25
	2012	1436	917	\$ 6,573.11
	2013	963	659	\$ 6,646.00
	2014	1146	779	\$ 7,746.64
	2015	906	679	\$ 6,761.50
<u>Motor Mill Park</u>				
	2009	51	23	\$ 168.00
	2010	231	87	\$ 859.00
	2011	223	138	\$ 1,119.00
	2012	420	108	\$ 1,299.00
	2013	222	112	\$ 1,150.00
	2014	188	106	\$ 1,059.75
	2015	292	176	\$ 1,780.00
<u>Joy Springs Park</u>				
	2009	162	54	\$ 441.00
	2010	149	63	\$ 462.00
	2011	133	49	\$ 399.00
	2012	214	78	\$ 609.00
	2013	60	29	\$ 347.00
	2014	71	41	\$ 500.00
	2015	86	46	\$ 480.00
<u>Buck Creek Park</u>				
	2013	61	91	\$ 480.00
	2014	71	90	\$ 624.00
	2015	38	26	\$ 130.00
<u>Friedens Park</u>				
	2013	113	62	\$ 515.00
	2014	66	34	\$ 250.00
	2015	55	59	\$ 295.00
<u>Totals</u>				
	2009	1433.5	877	\$ 6,423.25
	2010	1713	1083	\$ 7,941.85
	2011	1485	1047	\$ 7,736.25
	2012	2070	1103	\$ 8,481.11
	2013	1419	953	\$ 9,138.00
	2014	1561	1031	\$ 10,190.39
	2015	1431	986	\$ 9,446.50

Public Programs

Environmental Education Programs presented by the Clayton County Naturalists and Osborne Staff are tracked by the format shown below (Table). For the purpose of the Annual Report, totals have been calculated for each category pertinent to this report. There are several specialty programs held at Clayton County Conservation Parks/Areas that may or may not be led by our Naturalists and Staff but are listed below the table to show their impact on the Clayton County Community.

Program			Demographics		Participants		
Programs	Type/Title	Sessions	School/Town	Grade	Youth	Adults	Group Hours
438		734			8359	1678	588.75

<i>"The development and promotion of natural recreational opportunities are a high priority."</i> - Executive Summary Goals, CCCB 5 Year Plan	Great River Rumble	250 Participants Registered
	Heritage Days 2015	7,500 Participants Estimated
	Hunter Education Class-June	21 Students, 15 Instructors
	Hunter Education Class- August	28 Students, 13 Instructors
	Deer Hunter Registration	14 Hunters Registered
	Master Woodland Forester Class	42 Participants

Volunteer Hours

Volunteers assist the Clayton County Conservation Board and Staff by volunteering their time to help present Environmental Education programs, guide at Motor Mill, clean-up projects, Hunter Education Classes, Fishing Clinics, Heritage Days, Iowa Room Staffing, Bluebird House building, Fishing Pole maintenance, and many more projects. Without our dedicated volunteers we would not be able to enjoy the successes achieved in 2015.

Total Volunteer Hours

Volunteers	
# of Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
815	2536

Public Program Volunteers

Volunteers	
# of Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
309	1060

Motor Mill Volunteers

Volunteers	
# of Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
58	1476

"We must foster a citizenship with the natural community."
- Executive Summary Goals, CCCB 5 Year Plan

Grant Summary

Grant Monies Received or Awarded in FY15

Grant	Item	Amount	Received	FY
CCFF	Dr. Dusty Show '14	\$800.00	4/16/2014	14
Fish Iowa Grant	Fish IA Workshop	\$560.00	8/8/2014	15
SSNHA	MM Intern 2014	\$893.00	10/6/2014	15
NEIA RC&D	Riverfest	\$750.00	4/2/2015	15
SSNHA	MM Intern 2015	\$1,041.50	5/4/2015	15
State of Iowa	MM trail	\$892.61	6/23/2015	15
REAP	Land Acquisition	\$184,940.00	8/3/2015	16
CCFF/UMGC/NEIA RC&D	Chicken Ridge Interp. Panel +	\$9,500.00	Handled Through NEIA RC&D	16
TOTAL		\$199,387.11		

TRRC (Turkey River Recreational Corridor) Partner Entity Grants totaling \$4,215.30 (partial)
 CCDG (Clayton County Development Group) Partner 2015 Marketing Campaign \$36,150.00 (partial)

"Remnants of past ecosystems must be preserved."

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Grant Monies Received or Awarded in FY16 so far

Grant	Item	Amount	Received	FY
Iowa Tourism	WC Touchscreen	\$1,800.00	12/2015	16
Wellmark Kickstarter	Trails for CC!	\$10,000.00		16
US Fish & Wild-life/LRTF	Monarch Habitat	<i>Part. \$365,000.00</i>		16
TOTAL				

TRRC Partner Entity Grants totaling \$1,084,000.00 so far (partial)
 CCDG Partner 2016 marketing Campaign \$38,150.00 (partial)
 DNR Canoe Access Improvement Grants (in-kind labor contribution, approx.. \$20,000+ each)- Turkey River Park FY16, Osterdock & Millville FY17 (anticipated) [Permits for all approved by Army Corps of Engineers and DNR]

Law Enforcement

Routine Patrol of County Parks

- ✦ Register campers
- ✦ Public Relations
- ✦ Environmental and Laws Education
- ✦ Checked 43 Fishing Licenses
- ✦ Checked 188 Hunting Licenses
- ✦ Investigated incidents in parks
- ✦ Patrol for illegal hunting/fishing

Call types and number of incidents:

Traffic Stops	9	Suspicious Activity	7
Vehicle Accident	5	Assist Motorist	1
Animal Call	5	Burglary	1
Medical	1	Assault	1
Building Alarm	1	Dog Bite	2
Criminal Mischief	1	Suicidal Subject	2
Storm Damage	2	Navigation Checks	37
Special Project	3	Hunting Accident	1
Traffic Control	2	Hunting Violations	36
ATVs on Roadway	10		
Narcotics	7		
Theft	1		
Trespass	3		

Put on a fishing/boating clinic for Starmont Summer School program with 41 children.

Assist other agencies

Agency	# of assists
Mar-Mac	2
Clayton County	6
Iowa DNR*	3
Iowa State Patrol	1
Strawberry Point	2
Monona	1
TOTAL	15

*Also assisted State Conservation Officers during the regular shotgun deer seasons.

Parks & Amenities

Areas Managed by Clayton County Conservation Board 2015

******(Properties not owned by the CCCB)

Name	Acres	Address	Camping	Hunting	Canoe Access	Trails	Fishing	Picnic Area	Playground	Restroom	Shelter House
Becker Property (East)	200	37160 Great River Road, Guttenberg, IA		x	x		x				
Becker Property (West)	173	36061 Millville Road, Guttenberg, IA		x							
Bloody Run	135	128th Street, Marquette, IA 29857	x				x	x		x	x
Buck Creek	103	232nd Street, Garnaville, IA 30286	x				x	x		x	
Chicken Ridge	1	19861 Chicken Ridge Road, Elkader, IA 52043						x			
** (EWP/Elkader)	24										
** (Eno Property)	69	16775 Dove Ave. Luana, IA									
Frenchtown	11	26254 Mississippi Road, Guttenberg, IA	x		x		x	x			x
Friedens Park	8	16723 Chariot Road, Elkader, IA 52043	x		x		x	x		x	
Joy Springs	90	37771 Alpha Ave. Strawberry Point, IA	x				x	x		x	x
Kleve Fen	29	Aspen Ave. Postville, IA									
Lover's Leap	33	Elkader, IA 52043									
Motor Mill	155	23002 Grain Rd. Elkader, IA 52043	x		x	x	x	x		x	
Motor Mill South Side				x		x					
Osborne Archery Range						x				x	x
Osborne Canoe Access		Volga River & Hwy 13, Elkader, IA 52043			x		x				
Osborne Hunter Ed Course						x					
Osborne Pond		29458 Hwy 13, Elkader, IA 52043				x	x	x	x	x	2
Osborne Quarry											
Osborne Conservation Center	300	29862 Osborne Rd, Elkader, IA 52043				x		x	x	x	4
Osterdock Access		Osterdock, IA			x		x	x			
Pleasant Ridge Wildlife Area	88	40062 C9Y Holy Cross, IA		x							
Pony Hollow Trail	4	26184 Hwy 13, Elkader, IA 52043				x	x	x			
** (Retz Memorial Preserve)	49										
Stone Pines	2	Strawberry Point									
Turkey River Park		20195 Strawberry Point Rd., Elkader, IA 52043			x		x	x		x	x
Volga Pines	22	28807 Buchanan Street, Volga, IA 52077					x				

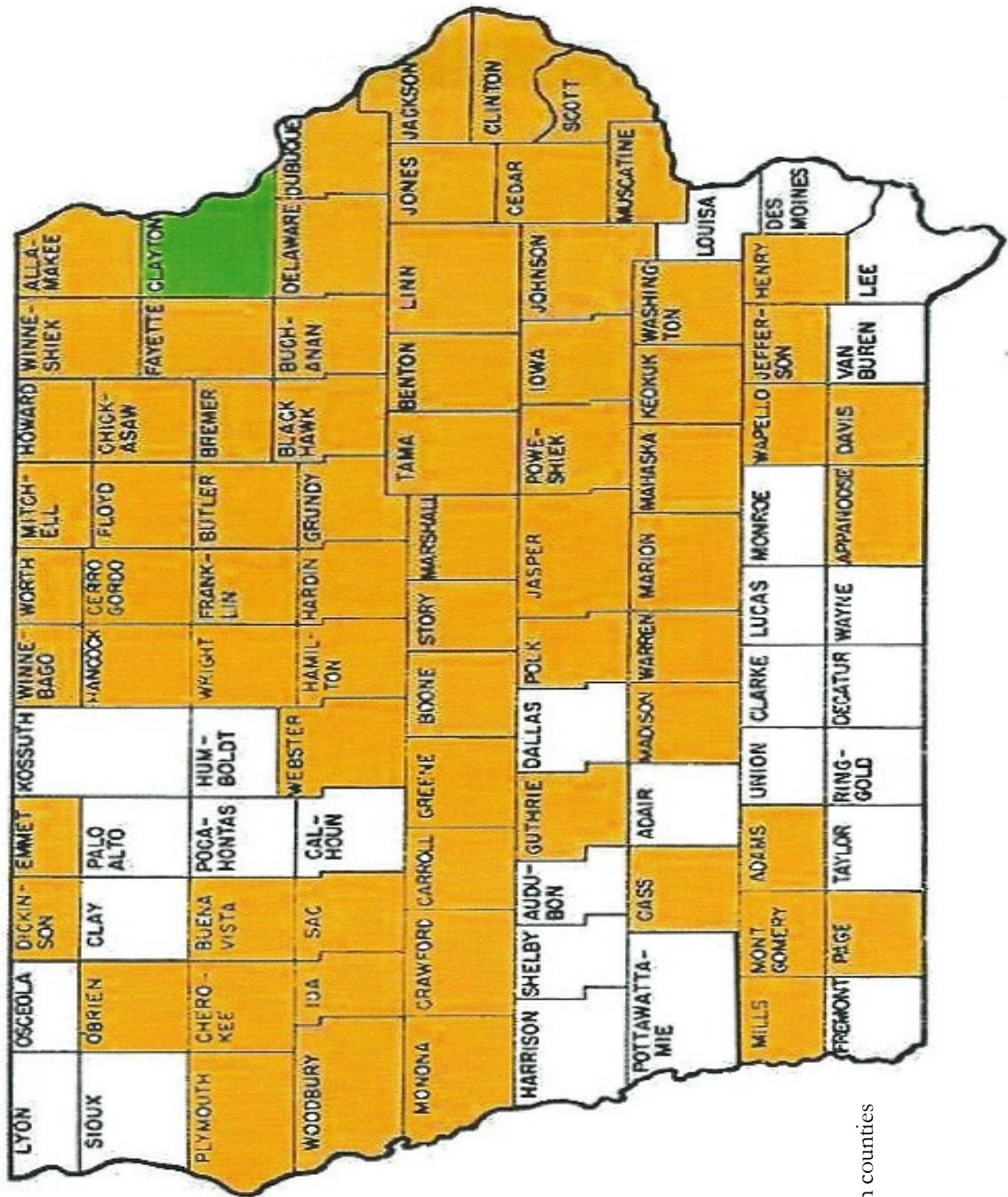
27 Areas for a TOTAL 1496 Managed by Clayton County Conservation Board

Board Minutes

The Clayton County Conservation Board meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Osborne Conservation Center. At times there are special meetings called, and those meetings are advertised one week in advance on our website and through various media sources in print and electronically. The Board Minutes are posted on the County Conservation website, www.claytoncountyconservation.org, and are available for printout at the Clayton County Conservation Offices at the Osborne Conservation Center. Minutes are published once they have been approved by the County Conservation Board at the following meeting.

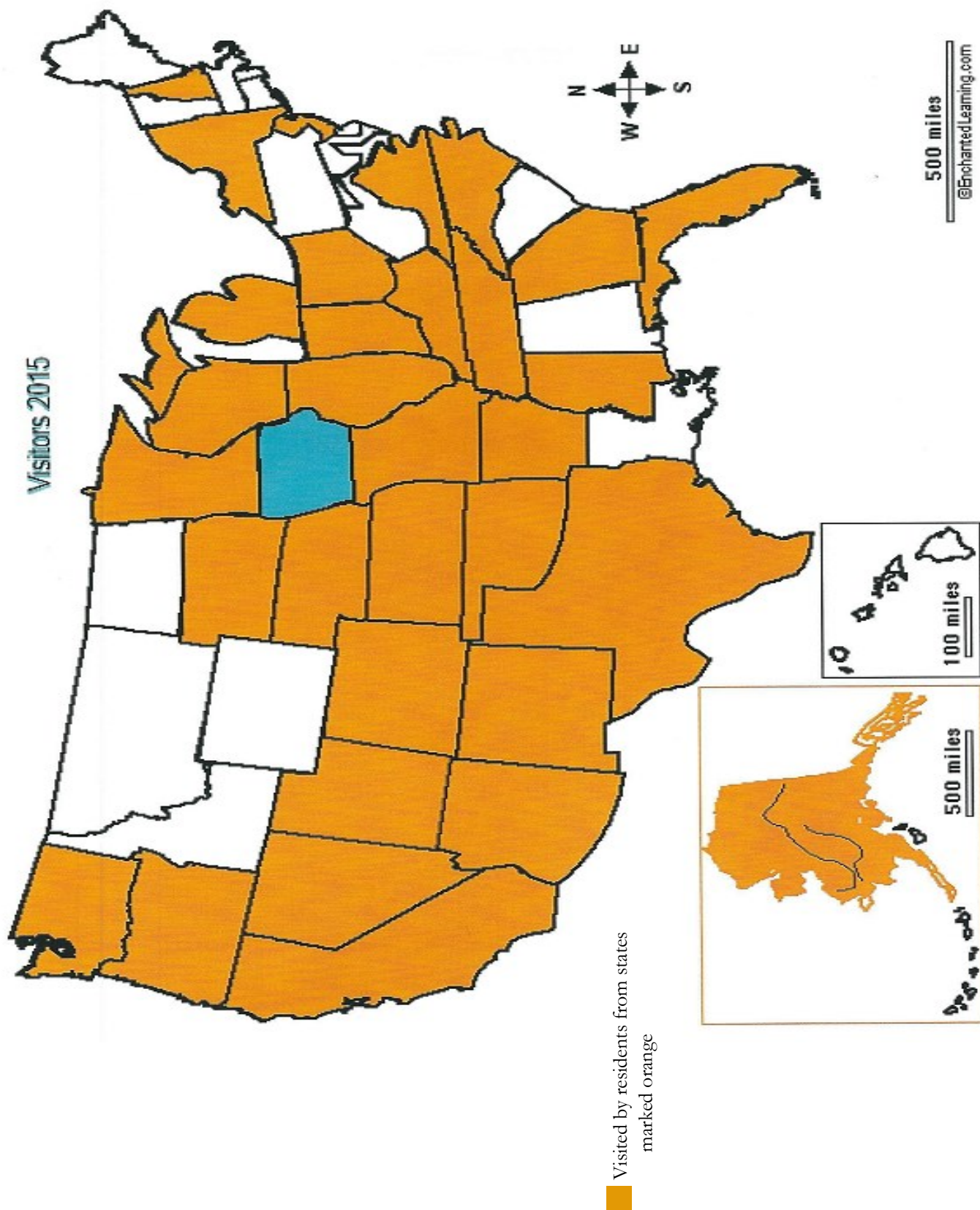
It was decided at the January 2016 Board Meeting that the “Summary of Board Minutes” would no longer be included in the Annual Report. A full listing of the Board Minutes are available at the Osborne Conservation Center, Clayton County Conservation Office Building. Six months worth of Minutes are posted on the Conservation Website .

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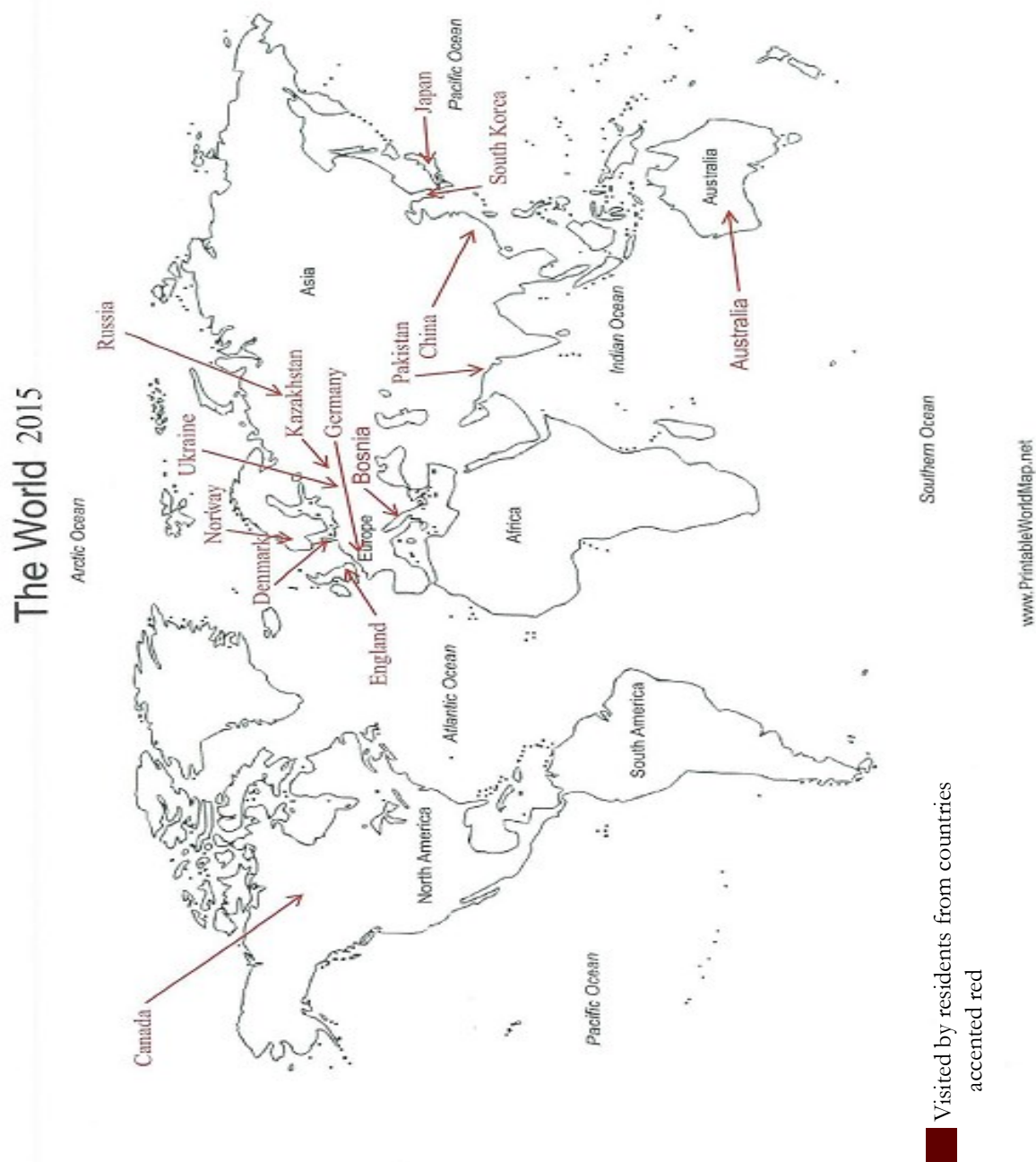


Visited by residents from counties
marked orange

Visitors by State

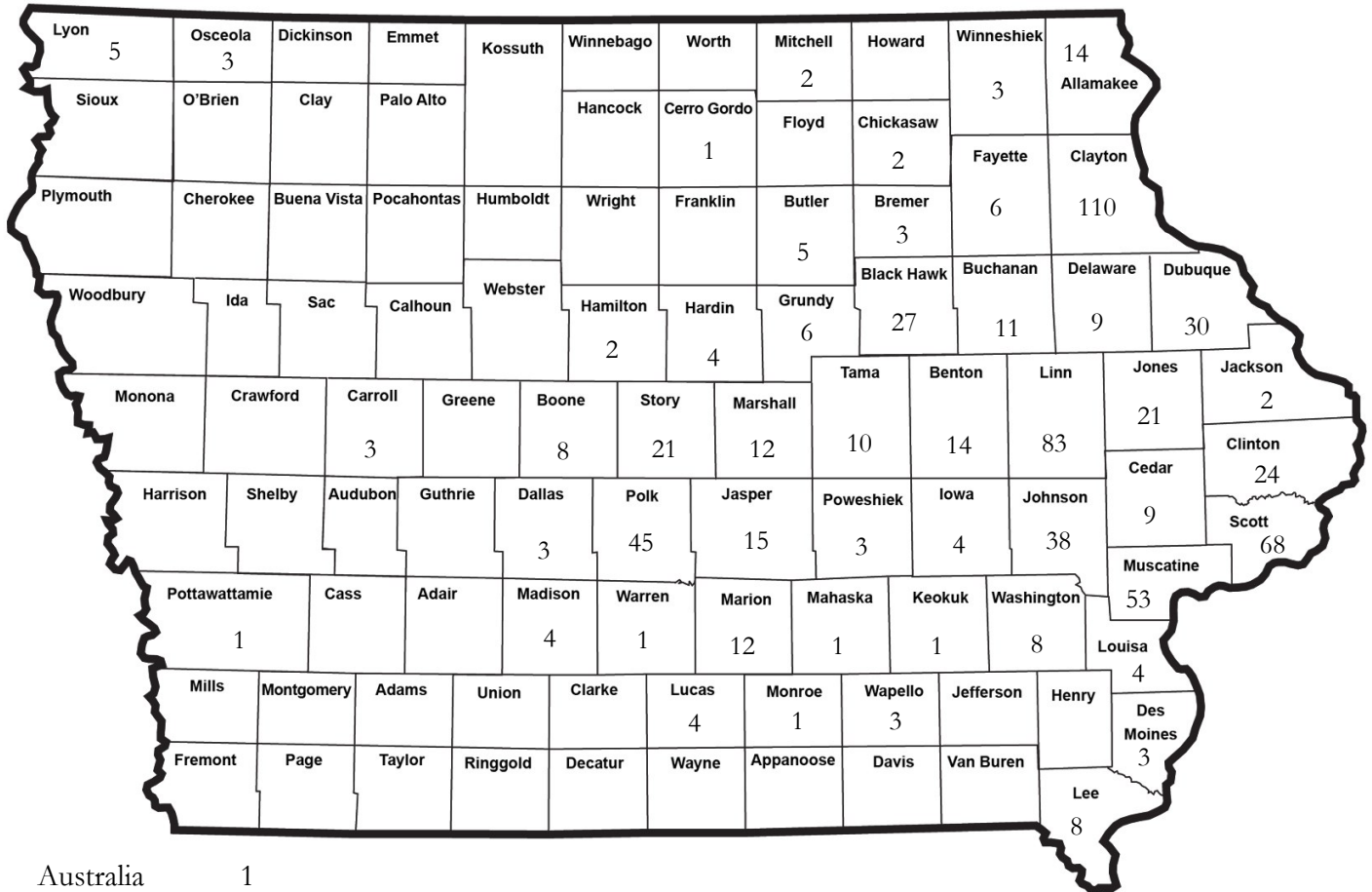


Visitors by Country



Camping Numbers Map

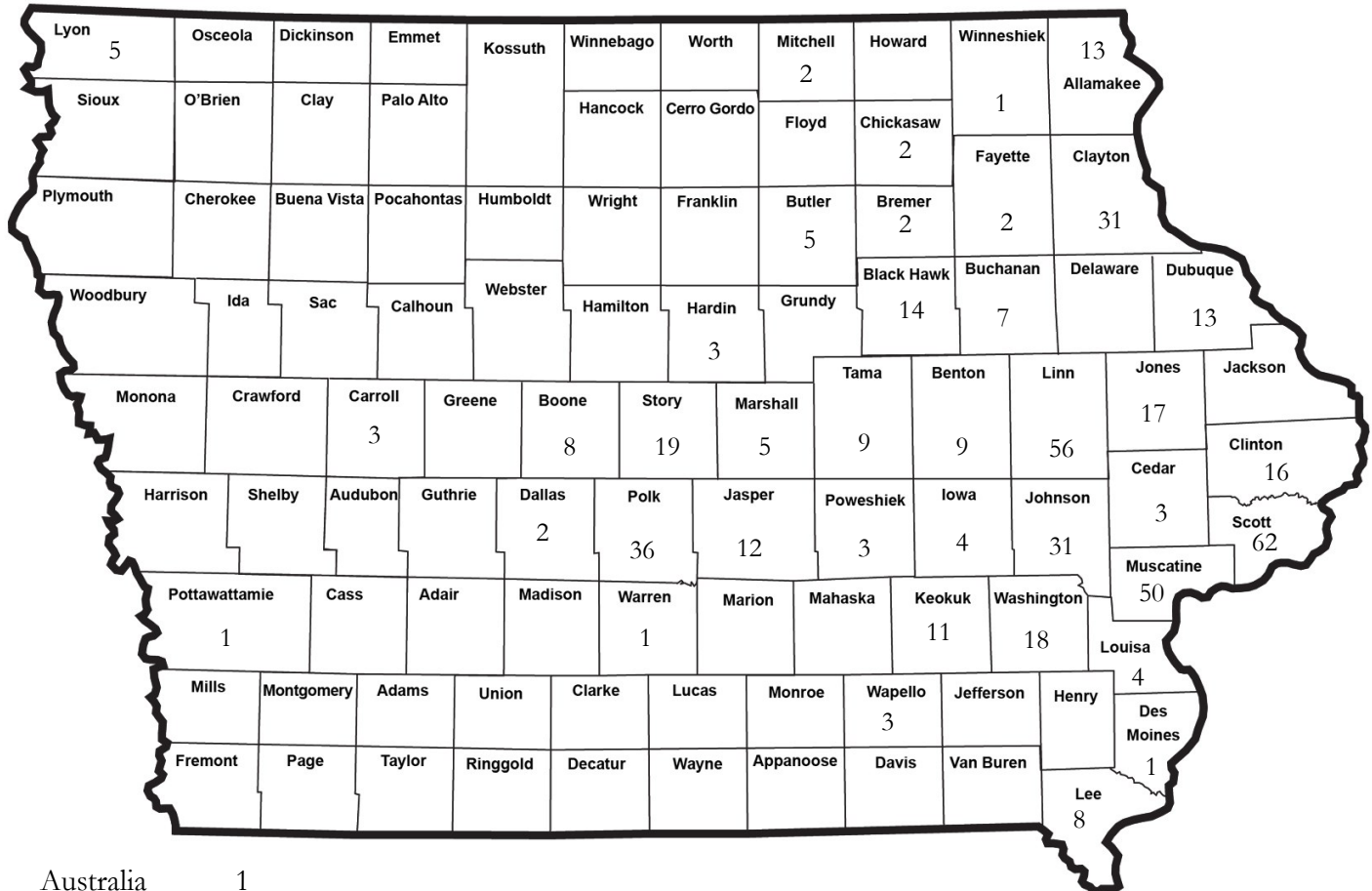
Total Number of Nights



Australia	1
Canada	1
Florida	7
Illinois	64
Maine	1
Minnesota	42
Mississippi	12
Missouri	1
Nebraska	1
New Jersey	1
Pennsylvania	1
Texas	1
Washington	3
Wisconsin	94
Unknown	26

Camping Numbers Map

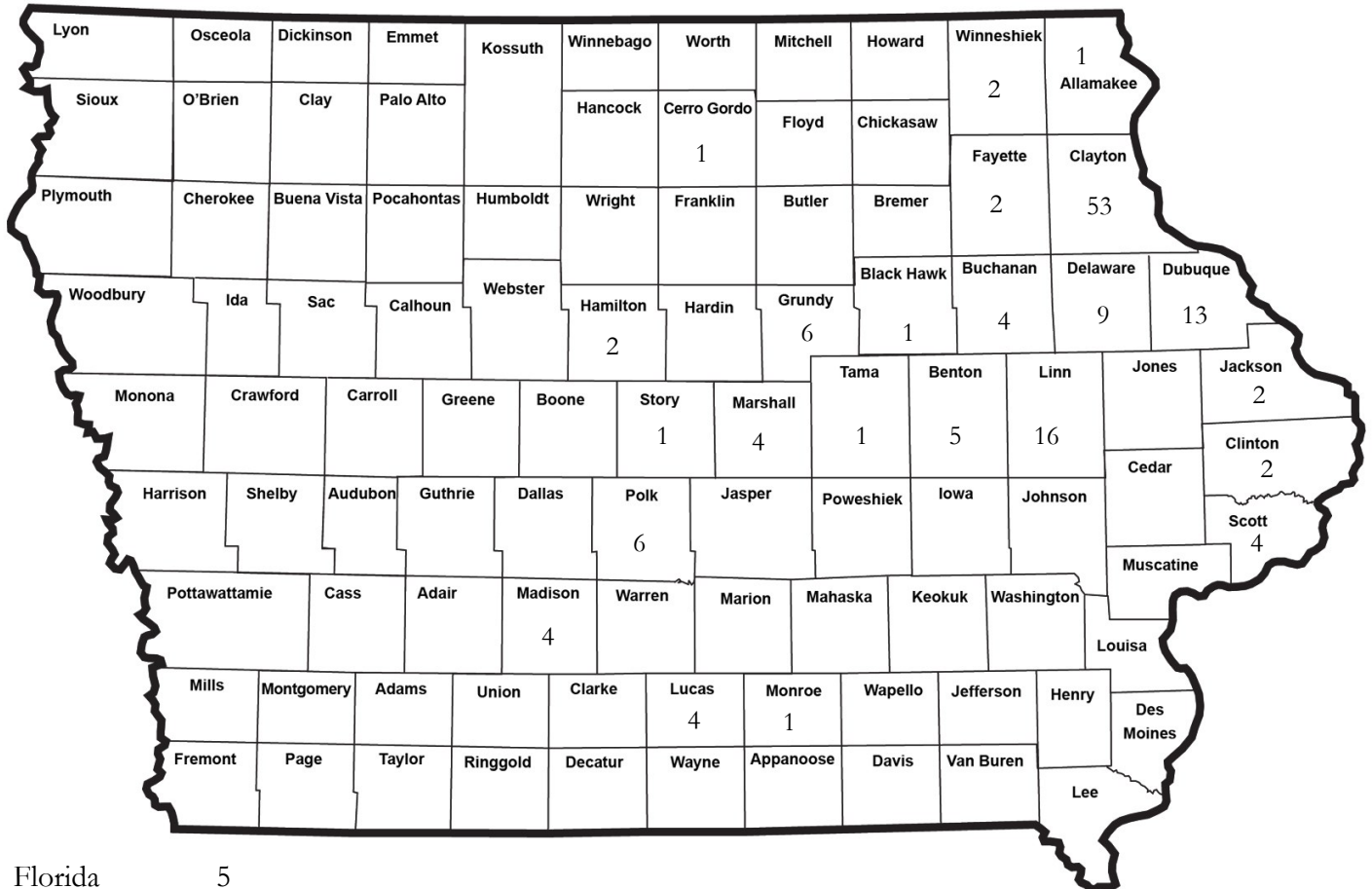
Number of Nights at Bloody Run



Australia	1
Canada	1
Florida	2
Illinois	48
Maine	1
Minnesota	30
Mississippi	12
Missouri	1
Nebraska	1
New Jersey	1
Pennsylvania	1
Texas	1
Washington	3
Wisconsin	85
Unknown	19

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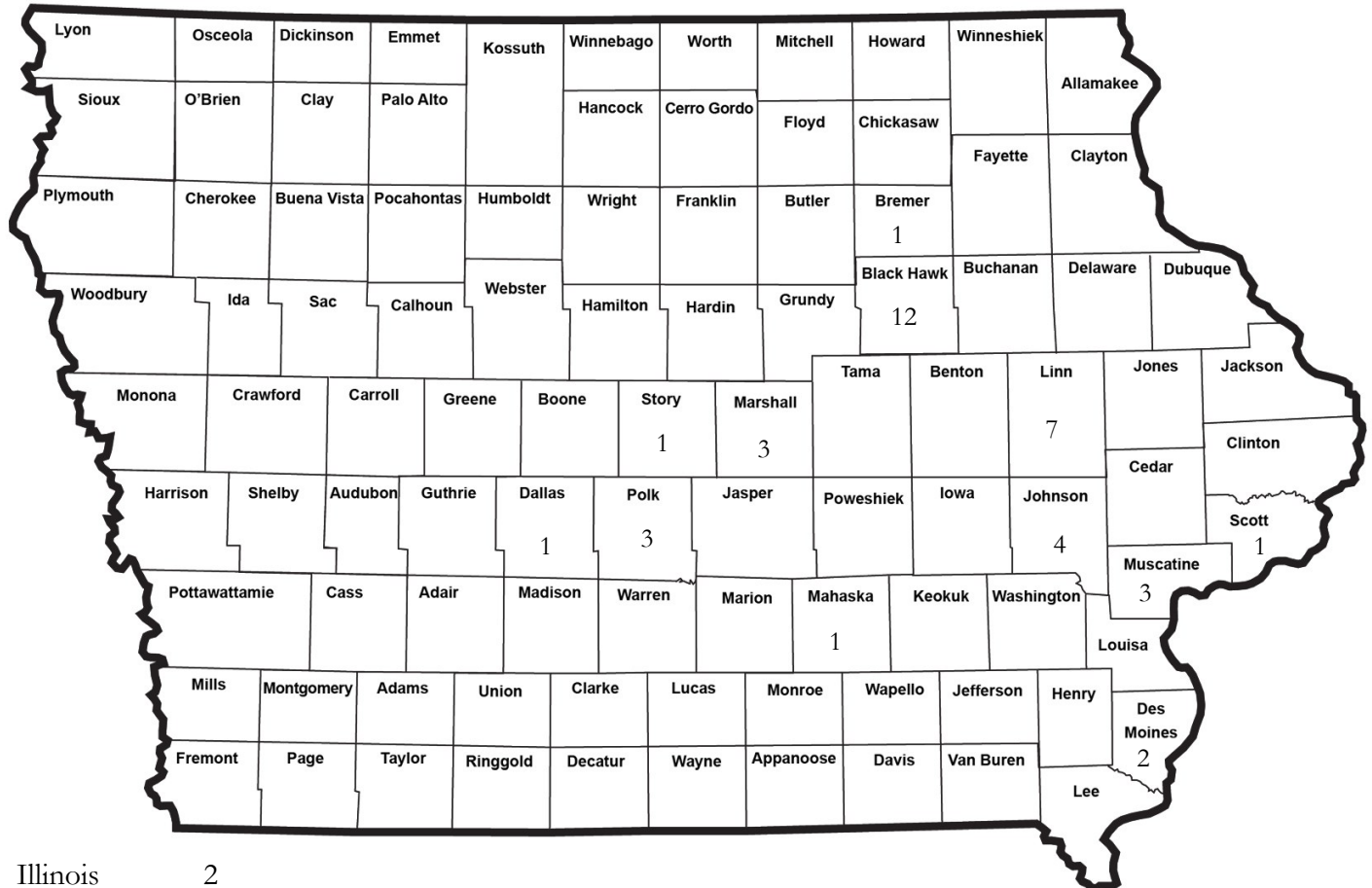
Number of Nights at Motor Mill



Florida	5
Illinois	14
Minnesota	10
Wisconsin	2
Unknown	1

Camping Numbers Map

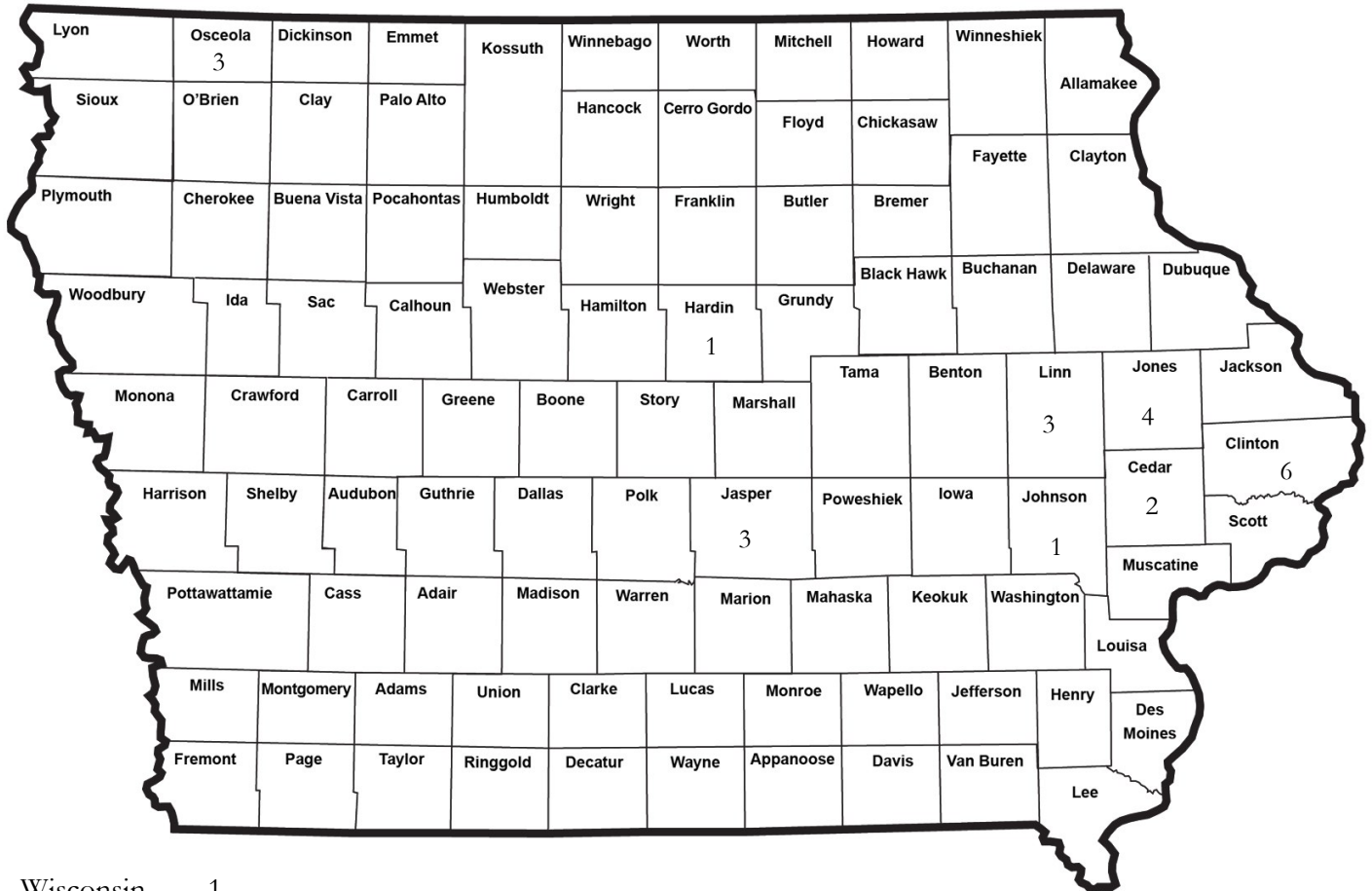
Number of Nights at Joy Springs



Illinois 2
 Minnesota 2
 Unknown 3

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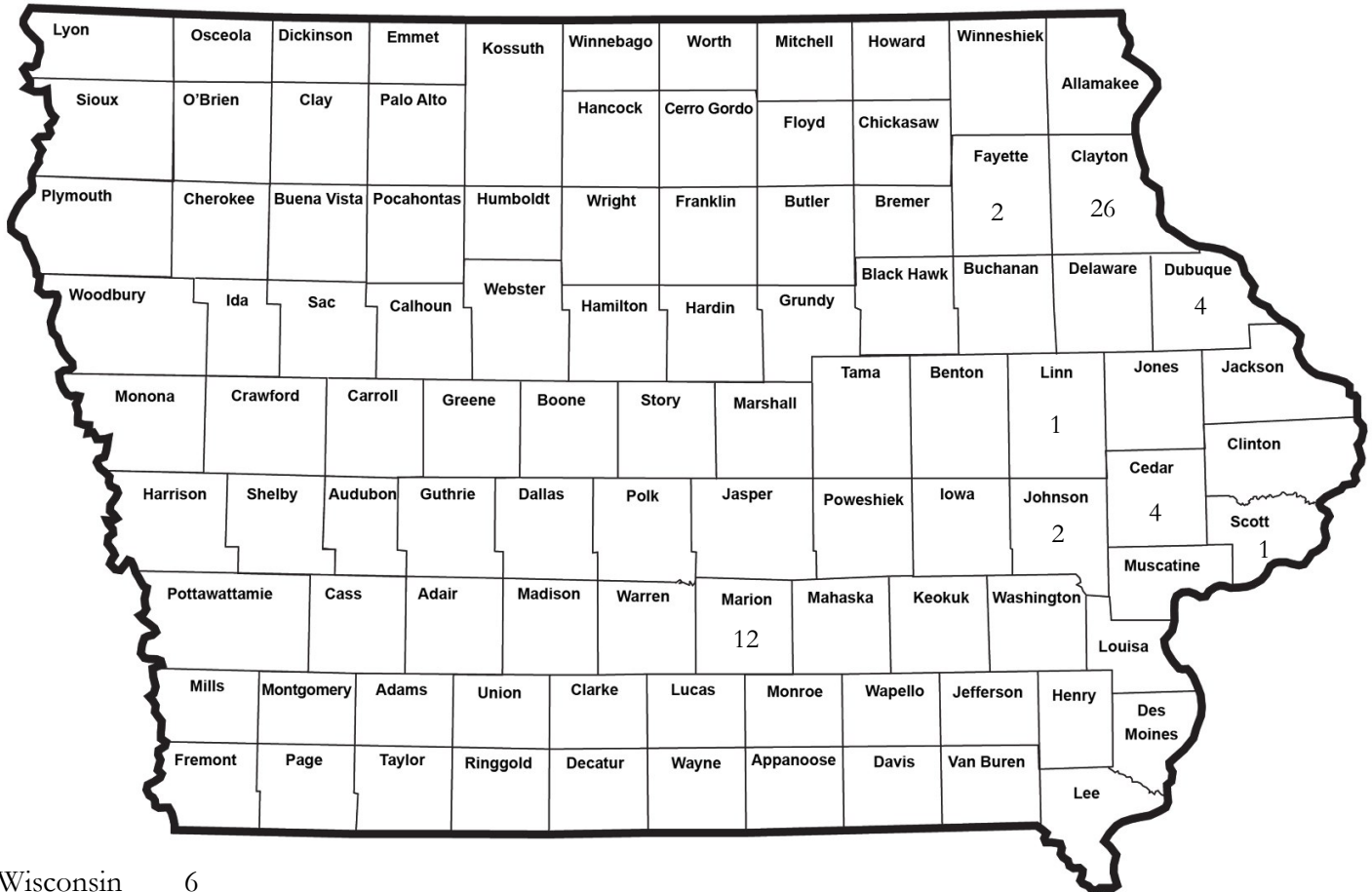
Number of Nights at Buck Creek



Wisconsin 1
Unknown 2

Camping Numbers Map

Number of Nights at Friedens



Wisconsin 6
Unknown 1

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